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MISS ANNIE CHILDRESS LEAD IN THE COUNTY

Took Down One of the District Prizes.

IN THE GREAT VOTING POPULARITY CONTEST

Mr. T. H. Nelson Came Second in This County and Miss Odessa Hembree Won Third Prize. Miss Laurence Culbertson Came Next and Miss Euphemia Thompson Next.

WINNERS OF COUNTY PRIZES

First Prize: Suit of Furniture, Miss Annie Kate Childress 437.870
Second Prize: Gold Watch, Mr. T. H. Nelson 389.260
Third Prize: Sewing Machine or Bicycle, Miss Odessa Hembree 256.510
Fourth Prize: Traveling Bag, Miss Laurence Culbertson 104.965
Fifth Prize: Correspondence School Scholarship, Miss Euphemia Thompson 87.315

Miss Annie Kate Childress, whose home is a few miles outside the city limits of Laurens, headed the Laurens contestants in the Chronicle-Advertiser Contest. Up until the last count was made, opinion was divided even within the walls of the two papers as to who would be the successful ones. In addition to winning the first prize in the county, Miss Childress also won the fourth prize of the Second South Carolina District offered by the Chronicle. This prize is a \$75 scholarship at the Osborne Business College, of Augusta, and is an exceedingly valuable premium. The first prize for this county is the beautiful set of furniture bought by The Advertiser from S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co. The second prize is a \$50 gold watch bought from William Solomon, the jeweler. The third prize is a choice between a bicycle and a \$50 sewing machine. Miss Hembree won this prize so it is needless to guess that she will take the machine. The fourth prize, and a pretty one too, is the hand bag bought from Davis, Roper & Co. It is one of the very best of its kind and is a beauty. Miss Laurence Culbertson won this one. The fifth prize is a correspondence course in one of a large number of branches in the International Correspondence School. Miss Euphemia Thompson, of Ora, won this prize.

Following is the standing of the leading contestants.

Augusta, Ga., June 8th, 1911.

We, the undersigned, chosen as judges to decide the winners in the Augusta Chronicle's Great Joint Voting Contest, do hereby declare the following persons entitled to the prizes opposite their names:

Grand Capital Prize—

Master Richard Bowden, Thomson, Ga. 7,018,620

Georgia State Capital Prize—

Mrs. S. E. DuPuis, Warren-ton, Ga. 3,356,850

South Carolina State Capital Prize—Miss Elteen Ouzts, Edgefield, S. C. 4,258,470

Second South Carolina District.

First Prize—Miss Annie Whar-ton, Iva, S. C. 935,230

Second Prize—Miss Lila Sher-rard, Iva, S. C. 689,430

Third Prize—Miss Laura Mc-Allister, Latimer, S. C. 683,180

Fourth Prize—Miss Annie K. Childress, Laurens, S. C. 437,870

Fifth Prize—Miss Lou Ellen McFall, Abbeville, S. C. 405,495

MR. LAWTON B. EVANS,

County Supt. of Education.

MR. M. H. H. DUVAL,

Member of firms of Goodwin, Du-vall & Co.

MS. MILLEDGE LOCKHART,

Real Estate Dealer.

MR. HARRY H. JONES,

Junior partner, Jones Furniture Co.

MR. FRANK FERRIS,

of Ferris & Arrington.

MR. M. J. HALLAHAN,

of Hallahan & Costello.

MR. J. R. LEWIS,

of Gardelle Drug Co.

Judges.

FOURTH SESSION ORDER EASTERN STAR

To be Held Here Next Week.

PUBLIC IS INVITED TO OPENING SESSION

The Grand Chapter Will be Called to Order in the Masonic Hall by the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Tallulah L. Cudd, of Spartanburg.

The Fourth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, Order of Eastern Star, will be held in this city next week. The delegates will begin to arrive Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. The first session will be held in the Masonic Temple. F. P. McGowan, Esq., will welcome the delegates on the part of the city council. Dr. H. K. Aiken will welcome them on the part of the citizens of Laurens and Hon. R. A. Cooper will speak for the Masons. As the program of the meeting has not been completed or made public it cannot be said who will respond to these addresses of welcome. To this opening session the public will be invited to attend, but the other meetings of course will be of a private nature.

The sessions will be carried on during Tuesday and Wednesday. It is expected that about one hundred delegates will be in attendance. A large majority of them will be ladies although there will be a generous sprinkling of men among them.

The following are the Grand Officers of the Chapter:

Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Tallulah L. Cudd, Spartanburg; Worthy Grand Patron, D. A. G. Ouzts, Greenwood; Asso. Grand Matron, Mrs. Louise M. Tweed, Sumter; Asso. Grand Patron, Dr. J. W. Pitts, Saluda; Grand Secretary, Mrs. Agnes R. Swygert, Laurens; Grand Treasurer, J. W. McCown, Florence; Grand Conductress, Mrs. Jennie Lawes, Orangeburg; Asso. Grand Conductress, Miss Nancy Bennett, Greers.

The County Crops.

During the past week rain fell over a considerable area of this county, but the most part the drought remains unbroken. The fact that there has not been a general season since the crops were planted is proving ruinous to many farmers who have been unable to secure stands of cotton and in some instances entire fields have just been replanted. It is estimated that fully 25 per cent. of the cotton crop in this county is not yet up. The condition of the plant, however, on the other three-fourths of the acreage is excellent and is growing beautifully. Corn is doing fairly well but needs rain as a general thing.

Death of Mrs. Nancy Owings.

Mrs. Nancy Owings, widow of the late Mr. Sam Owings, died at her home in Dials township Sunday and was buried in Dials Church Cemetery Monday morning. She was the mother of Mr. Frank Owings, of this city.

In the Insurance Field.

Misses Lila Hart and May Delle Barre have gone to Greenville where they are using the summer months to advantage. They have both taken out insurance licenses and are "selling" policies in a well known southern company. When their vacation is over, however, they will return to their work in the city schools.

Too Many Wives.

Ed. Hutto, a white man, was brought back from Union several days ago by Deputy W. H. Worthy and lodged in the county jail on the charge of bigamy. The warrant was sworn out by Wife No. 2, at the Laurens Mills, this city. She was a Miss Armenta Wix. His first wife lives in Augusta and in a letter says that she will come to Laurens to testify against him.

Back From Hot Springs.

Mr. R. W. Willis is at home from Hot Springs, Arkansas, having returned Friday. He was gone four weeks and says he received great benefit from the treatment and now feels better in every respect than in many months. His friends are glad to see him back and to know that his health is much improved.

MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR FIRE TOURNAMENT

New Wagon Has Been Received and the Department is Having Daily Practice.

The Laurens fire laddies are practising daily, getting in trim for the big tournament in Columbia the latter part of this month. Saturday the department received a light new single wagon for the boys to do a few stunts with. The new wagon has given new life to the team and by the time that the tournament opens the Laurens boys expect to be in trim to take down a few trophies. Both the double and single wagons will be carried to Columbia so that the team will be able to enter a larger number of the events. The two big grays, Henry and Counts, are giving good account of themselves, showing improvement in speed over last year. It has not been decided yet which of the two will be used in the single harness class. Each horse is a favorite with different members of the company and the spectators who go out to watch the practice and so far no decision has been reached as to which is the faster. This will be decided though tomorrow afternoon when the two will be timed and the winner will take the single wagon at the tournament.

The nozzlers are counting on cutting down their past record with a new nozzle made by Nozzelman Diver. This is something new and is an invention of Tom Diver himself. It saves a deal of time in making the connection and will help to lower the record considerably.

The department met a few nights ago and elected the following officers: Chief, J. T. Crews; President, J. H. Peterson; Vice President Thos. Downey; Sec. and Treas., C. H. Babb; Capt. E. H. Crews; 1st Lieut., J. F. Smith; 2nd Lieut. William Switzer; Nozzlemen, R. G. Franks, B. B. Nelson, T. M. Diver and J. N. Richardson. Master John Richardson Babb was elected "Mascot" to accompany the company to Columbia. J. T. Crews and J. Ed. Hicks were elected new members of the company. W. H. Anderson, M. L. Nash, R. B. Childress, F. P. Childress, Tom Fouché and J. H. Switzer are other members of the company and C. H. Roper is an honorary member.

DEATH OF MR. W. H. McDILL.

Ora Citizen Expired Rather Suddenly on Tuesday, June 6, Buried at Old Fields Church.

Mr. W. H. McDill, a good citizen of the county and an ex-Confederate soldier, died at his home at Ora Tuesday, June 6. The circumstances surrounding his death were singularly sad. While on his way early Tuesday morning to his farm some three miles from his home, he either fell or was thrown from his horse. Shortly afterwards he was found by a passerby lying in the road, unconscious. He was at once removed to his home, and 8 o'clock Tuesday night he expired without ever regaining consciousness. The attending physician gave it as his opinion that the deceased was the victim of apoplexy, the attack seizing him as he was on the way to his work.

He was a good citizen, honest and upright. He was 64 years of age and is survived by his widow and one daughter. The burial services, conducted by the Rev. J. R. Hooten of Clinton, were held Wednesday afternoon at Old Fields churchyard.

Had Pleasant Visit to Arkansas.

Capt. John M. Hudgens and his granddaughter, Miss Mary Teague, have returned from a four weeks' visit to relatives in Arkansas. After attending the Confederate reunion at Little Rock, they went to Amity, Clark County, where they spent some time with Rev. F. E. Teague and family. Mrs. Teague being a daughter of Capt. Hudgens. They also visited relatives at Hollywood, a town about twenty miles distant from Amity. Capt. Hudgens reports a most enjoyable trip, the weather out there having been delightful and the country most interesting to the Laurens visitors. He says the corn crop there is fine white cotton is late on account of the wet weather in the spring.

Building New Home.

Mr. John A. Hicks is having built on the corner of Todd and Farley Avenues a large two story home. Very attractive plans have been made and when it is finished it will have a very handsome appearance.

A BOOSTERS CLUB TO BE ORGANIZED

Young Men to Have a Meeting Thursday Afternoon in the Armory to Perfect an Organization.

Laurens is to have a "Boosters Club." Several of the young business men of the city have gotten together and decided to call a meeting of the progressive citizens of the town for Thursday afternoon at 6:15 o'clock to organize and get to work at once. They have decided that Laurens must be pushed forward like a number of other cities in the Piedmont and that she must resume her place with the leaders. They have not built any air-castles or dreamed of making Laurens the foremost city in the Piedmont in thirty days, but they have decided to meet together, perfect an organization and do everything that is in their power to forward the interests of the city. The meeting is to be held in the Armory and everybody in the city who hasn't "given up" is urged to be present.

The meeting has been called for young men. In a movement of this kind anybody under one hundred years of age and wants to join is considered a young man.

One matter of importance is already on the program to be discussed. It is something that has to be attended to at once and it is hoped that a representative crowd will be present so that the matter can be determined.

FUNERAL OF MR. FLEMING.

Another Prominent Laurens Citizen is Laid to Rest in the City Cemetery.

The funeral and burial services of the late Mr. J. O. C. Fleming, whose death occurred Tuesday evening, June 6, were held Thursday morning at half past nine o'clock at the city cemetery. The Rev. Chas. F. Rankin, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiated, and a select choir rendered very sweetly the hymnal service. There was a large outpouring of the people of the city and the surrounding country and a gorgeously beautiful floral collection evidenced loving tribute of scores of his friends here and elsewhere. The following acted as the pall bearers: A. C. Todd, Dr. W. D. Ferguson, James Todd, Cresswell Fleming, J. Lee Langston, S. L. Saxon, Dr. W. H. Washington, S. M. Wilkes, J. H. Parks, Honorary: W. L. Boyd, J. W. Ferguson, C. W. Tule, H. Y. Simpson, J. W. Todd, F. Simpson, N. B. Dial, W. A. Watts, C. D. Moseley, J. N. Wright, Dr. E. Hughes, J. J. Pluss, W. J. Copeland, J. H. Sullivan, H. B. Kennedy, W. L. Gray, Dr. W. C. Ivey, T. D. Lake, C. D. Barksdale, W. R. Ritchey, Sr., S. D. Garlington, W. P. Childress, D. H. Counts, Dr. W. H. Dial.

Mr. J. O. C. Fleming was a son of Samuel and Harriett Williams Fleming and was born in this town sixty seven years ago. At the age of seventeen, fresh from a military college, Young Fleming volunteered for service in the Confederate army, joining Company A, Third South Carolina Regiment. At the battle of Fredericksburg he was wounded as was his brother, R. Frank Fleming, the same afternoon. Young Fleming made a good soldier, patriotic and true, and after the war he returned to Laurens and engaged in business. From that time henceforward he was identified with the life and business interests of the town and vicinity in a manner that makes his passing a distinct loss and one of peculiar sadness. He was an exceptionally successful business man and accumulated a handsome estate, he being generally regarded as one of the wealthiest men in the county. For several years he had been a director of the Charleston & Western Carolina Railway Company, the Peoples Loan & Exchange Bank, the Laurens Cotton Mills, the Reedy River Power Company, and in addition he was interested in numerous other enterprises of the city and county. For many years he had been the senior member of the mercantile firm of J. O. C. Fleming & Company.

In 1888 he was married to Miss Carrie Todd of Due West. She survives, together with three children, a son and two daughters. In addition to a large and prominent connection in this and other counties, the deceased is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Cresswell Garlington and Mrs. W. W. Jones, both of this city, and one brother, Mr. Frank Fleming of Greenwood.

AN EXTRA MILL IS ADDED SCHOOL LEVY

Only Applies to this School District.

NEXT YEAR'S FUNDS HAD TO BE INCREASED

For Several Reasons the Income From All Sources Next Year Would Have Been Less Than the Last Year so the Extra Mill had to be Voted. Other Matters Attended to.

At the meeting of the citizens and taxpayers of the Laurens school district, held in the court house Thursday, it was decided to add an additional one mill tax to the three mill tax which has heretofore been levied on property within the district to meet the expenses of the city schools next year. The report of Secretary and Treasurer C. H. Roper, of the school board, showed that for various reasons the income for school purposes next year would not be as large as they were the past year.

In this connection it might be stated, for the information of those who are not familiar with the ways in which the school money is disposed of, that there are two funds that the city of Laurens is taxed for, one from which she gets no returns and from the other she only gets a partial return. The first of these is the fund for state high schools. Although no direct levy is made for this purpose it comes from the taxes collected on all property. Of this fund the city high school hereafter will get nothing.

To the other fund, derived from the state constitution, three mill tax, the city contributes in round numbers about \$4,200. Out of this she gets in return \$1,350, this being proportioned all over the state at the rate of \$2.00 per child attending school.

While nothing was said at the meeting concerning the disposition of the three mill tax fund, which nearly everybody agrees is as it should be, a slight note of discord was noted as to the less by the city of its share of the high school fund.

Election of Trustees.

The terms of Messrs. O. B. Simmons, P. A. Simpson and J. J. Pluss having expired as trustees, nominations were gone into to elect their successors. A motion was made to reelect all three of them. Mr. Pluss, however, asked to be excused and Mr. T. D. Lake was nominated in his stead. Thereupon the three as nominated were unanimously elected.

COURT NEXT WEEK.

No Cases of Much Interest to be Tried. Judge Gary to Preside.

The June Term of the Court of General Sessions will convene Monday morning, with Judge Gary on the Bench. No cases of special importance are on the docket.

For the first time in many years and in fact for the first time in the memory of a number of the county's oldest citizens, not a single murder case is on the docket. Only one case was on the docket at the last term and the prisoner came clear then. The credit for this healthy state of affairs is given in large measure to the vigilance and good work of the rural police. The rowdism which has been more or less prevalent over the county for some years has been almost entirely wiped out and especially have the rows and fights so usual in former years at negro meetings and frolics been put a stop to. The rural police have decided not to put up with it at all.

Installed New Carbonator.

The Coca Cola Bottling Company has just installed a new and improved carbonator in their plant underneath Hudgens Repair Shop. In addition to this they put in a new washing machine some weeks ago, which is of the very latest pattern. With it they can wash over 1,000 bottles an hour, each bottle going through three different waters before being hung up to dry. Each bottle is first soaked, then washed and brushed on the inside, rinsed and then drained, guaranteeing an absolutely clean interior.

AGRICULTURAL TRAIN TO BE AT WATERLOO

At Live Stock Association Meeting.

THE TRAIN WILL BE THERE WEDNESDAY

Mr. W. Carl Wharton has Extended an Invitation to Everybody in the County to be Present That Day and the Day Before Also. Ample Space Will be at Hand for Show Stock.

Next Wednesday, June 21st, will be Live Stock day at Waterloo. That day the Clemson agricultural and laboratory car will be there. That same day and the day following the Laurens County Live Stock Association will hold their annual meeting there. Mr. W. Carl Wharton, secretary of the Association, has made all preparations in advance and everything will be done to accommodate a large crowd. Mr. Wharton has recently completed a large barn in which the entrants in the live stock exhibits will have plenty of room. Mr. Wharton also says that he will see to it that the entrants are cared for and fed free of charge. So everybody is invited to attend the meeting, visit the Clemson cars and meet their friends. A barbecue will be prepared on the grounds by G. W. Long so that all will be certain of getting something to eat.

The following letter has been received by Mr. Wharton from Prof. D. N. Barrow, who will have the train in charge:

Clemson College, S. C., May 30, 1911.

Dear Sir:—You have probably seen by the list of the itinerary of our train, published in last Sunday's paper, that we have planned to stop at Waterloo, July 21. As previous accounts of this train have shown, we will have a carload of live stock and a laboratory car in which corn judging and cultivation and other problems of the farm will be discussed and demonstrated. There will also be in this train two cars from Wharton College in one of which demonstrations in domestic science will be given, while the other will contain a large number of exhibits in household conveniences. These latter two are of course for the benefit of the ladies and we hope they will turn out in force to greet the train. I feel sure that you will do what you can towards securing us a good attendance.

While it is possible that we may have our own sleeper and diner on this train, yet arrangements for these have not yet been perfected. In the event that this is not done, I will ask that you use your influence and see that we secure both meals and lodging. There will be in the neighborhood of fifteen men and three ladies in our party.

Thanking you in advance for anything you may do towards making this a success, I remain,

Yours very truly,

D. N. Barrow, Superintendent.

HOSPITAL HAS OPENED.

The First Patient was Taken in Last Week and Operated on.

The Laurens Hospital, although the full equipment has not arrived, has opened. The first patient was placed in it last week by Dr. Schayer and an operation performed.

As is already well known, Miss Ivey has opened the hospital temporarily in the house recently vacated by Capt. Smyth. A large amount of necessary furniture and instruments have been ordered but have not yet arrived. When the hospital is put on a firm footing it will be moved into the old Ivey home and as the patronage increases better accommodations will be provided.

Excursion to Spartanburg.

The C. & W. C. Ry. has announced an excursion from Greenwood to Spartanburg, Wednesday, June 21st. The train will pass Laurens about 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. The round trip tickets from here will cost 75 cents. The train will leave Spartanburg the same afternoon at 7 o'clock, giving time for those who wish to see the base ball game to attend. The train will stop at all intermediate points.